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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2007, the Applicant submits the following remarks and elections.

Restriction was previously required in this case, between four groups of claims, as identified by the Examiner. Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, claims 10 - 19.

Additionally, under the selection of Group II, the Examiner requires election of one of six species, as identified by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully elect the species identified by the Examiner of Fig. 12. Claims 1 (generic), 10 (generic to Group II), 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 are readable thereon.